Sl.No.	States/U.T.s	Number of			
		No. of ITDPs/ ITDAS	MADA	Clusters	Primitive Tribal Groups
9	Madhya Pradesh	49	39	8	7
10	Maharashtra	16	44	24	3
11	Manipur	5	-	-	1
12	Orissa	21	46	14	13
13	Rajasthan	5	44	11	1
14	Sikkim	4	-	-	-
15	Tamil Nadu	9	-	-	6
16	Tripura	3	-	-	!
17	Uttar Pradesh	1	1	-	2
18	West Bengal	!2	-	1	*3*
UNION TERRITORY					
19	A&N Islands	1	-		*5*
20	Daman & Diu	1	-	-	-
	TOTAL:	194	259	82	75

Schemes to Ameliorate Pitiable Conditions of Old People in Maharashtra

*400. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to observe the year 2000 as 'year of elderly people';

(b) if so, the steps taken and schemes introduced to ameliorate the pitiable conditions of this section of society in Maharashtra;

(c) whether Government propose to setup a National Commission for Old People; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government announced National Policy on Older persons in January, 1999 and has taken a number of steps/initiatives to ameliorate the pitiable condition of older persons of the country, which would benefit older persons of Maharashtra also.

(c) No Sir. However, a National Council for Older Persons has been established to operationalize the National Policy on Older Persons.

(d) The Government does not feel the need for a National Commission for Older Persons in view of the establishment of the National Council for Older Persons.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Policy Formulated for Increasing Export

2946. SHRIMATI BASANTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any policy for increasing the exports of the country during the next five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of targets fixed for exports during this period; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) Export Promotion is a continuous process and steps to enhance the export growth are continuously being taken by the Government through various measures which include reduction in transaction cost through decentralization, simplication of procedures and other measures as enumerated in the Export-Import Policy. Steps are also taken to promote exports through multilateral and bilateral initiatives, identification of thrust sectors and focus regions. Export growth targets arc fixed annually by the Government. The export growth target for 2000-2001 is 18%. The export growth rate for April-June 2000-01 is 27.65% which is above the target fixed for the whole year.

Differential Customs and Excise Duties between India and Nepal

2947. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a sharp differential in Customs and Excise duties between India and Nepal;